A GENTLEMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI

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(CHAPTER XXVII Continued.)

speak, but he could not. He stored at multihis hostess, who smiled the smile of the budding debutante. His own open menthed astonishment was reflected in the faces of Carolina and Hope Georgia as they observed their father's expression. He forgot he was in Washington. He did not know he was a senthought of making a speech was furthest from his mind.

What did it all mean? Had Mrs. Spangler gone suddenly insane? His



"Great heavens! I'm late, I'm late!" inughters-what did they think? These thoughts surged through his flustered brain. Then it flashed over him-she was joking in some new fashionable way. He turned toward the fair widow to laugh, but her face was losing its smile. A pained expression, a suggestion of intense suffering, appeared

"Why do you so hesitate, Scuator Langdon'" she finally asked in low voice, just loud enough for the two girls to overhear.

The junior senator from Mississippi looked at his hostess. She had entermined him and had done much for his daughters in Washington. She was slone in the world-a widow. He felt that he could not shame her before Carolina and Hope Georgia. His south-

em chivalry would not permit that. Then, too, she was a most charming person, and the thought, "Why notwhy not take her at her word?" crept into his mind.

"Yes, father, why do you hesitate?" asked Carolina. Senator Laugdon mustered his voice

into service at last.

"I've been thinking," he said slowly,

"That your daughters did not know," interropted Mrs. Spannier, "of our"-"The telephone upatairs is ringing tradam," said a maid who had entered

to Mrs. Spangher. The adventuress could not leave the sometor and his danginers though she knew it must be Peabody calling her. At any moment he might 1 member his speech and teave. At edly ready late, he would still be later. though, because he would have no carthree-hers would purposely be de-

"Tell the person speaking that you are empowered to bring me any mesthe that I cannot leave the dining ball," the said to the maid.

To gain time and to hold the senato's attention Mrs. Spangler asked

"Well, senator, what was it that you were going to say when I interrupted

you a few moments ago?" Lampdon had been racking his brain for some inspiration that would enable

him to save the feelings of his hostess and yet indicate his position clearly. Its would not commit himself in any way. He would jump up and prononce her an impostor first. After a moment of silence his cloud-

ed face cleared. "Mrs. Spangler," he began, "your an-

touncement today I have considered

".'Temature," she suggested. at mald returned.

"tr. Wall says Senator Langdon is wanted at once at the capitol."

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Langdon. springing to his feet and giancing at the clock, "I'm late, I'm late! I hope to Cal I'm not too late!"

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"Mr. Wall says a carriage is coming The nero of Crawfordsvine tried to for Senator Langdon," concluded the

"We must talk this matter over some other time, Mrs. Spangler," the Misvissippian cried as he sent a servant for his hat and coat. "I hope that carriage hurrles, else I'll try it on the run for the emplish"

"It's a half hour away on foot," said ator. The fact that he had ever even Mrs. Spangler, "Better wait. You'll save time.

But to herself she muttered as though mystified:

"I wonder why Peabody changed his mind so suddenly? Why should he now want the old fool at the capitol?" The rumble of wheels was heard

"Hurry, father!" cried Hope Georgia. The senator burried down the stone steps of Mrs.



the Spangler windows. The driver started his herses off on a run,

Straggling to regain his breath, the sensior cried:

"Well, what are"-"Never mind new. But first gather to read as follows"— And his velocity and its say setulated as we've no time in all I say, senator, as we've no time to lose. When I couldn't locate you and I saw you probably wouldn't be Attacools as the naval base sire. at the senate chamber in time to make your speech on the naval base bill I persunded Senator Milbank of Arkansas to rise and make a speech on the currency question, which subject was in order. He was under obligation to me for some important information I once obtained for him, and he consented to keep the floor until you arrived. South and the South of the interest though he knew he would earn the vengennee of Peabody. That was over an hour and a half ago. He must be reading quotations from 'Pilgrim's at the start owing to the exceening hap Progress' to the senate by now to keep

Bud paused to look at his watch.

The semutor stretched his head out of the window and cried, "Drive faster!" "Got your speech all right?" called Bud above the din of the rattling in the uppermost rows in the galleries

sension tapping his luner breast pocket. Hegen on his statement of the notice "Thought maybe she"- cried Bud, jerking his head back in the direction

The Mississippian shook his head negatively and set his jaws determin-

The couch swung up to the capitol

"Tell me," asked Langdon, as both Penbedy and Elevens, who sat in the jumped out, "how did you find out

"I phoned the house-gave a name Penhody uses' "Great heavens, but how did you

know where to phone?" They were at the door of the senate it difficult to believe their ears-but rhamber.

"Nomon gave me the tip-for your sake and Carolina's-for old time's the floor of the senate? Would the sake, he said," was Bud's reply.

CHAPTER XXVIII. ON THE PLOOR OF THE SENATE.

300 much occupied in concentrate Ing his thoughts on his speech, thought the sounte machine Langdon failed to notice the consternation on the faces of Penbody and Stevens as he walked to his seat in the senate. They had fulled purity?

to succeed in getting Milbank to con- cituation escape the attention of the clude and consequently could not push reporters' gallery. Dick Cullen obthe naval base report through. But gerved to Hannel of the Record: they noted the passing of over an hour "Virtue's getting to thick around after their opponent's appointed time here it's a mennee to unvigation." and had felt cermin that he would not

appear at all. Hansel, and both laughed. "The boss of the senate" leaned scross to Stevens and whispered hur- jen a few minutes later. "Herion has

been recognized, when the program "We must tear him to pieces now- was to adjourn when the naval base discredit him publicly. It's his own bill was over with." fault. Our agents can sell the land to Langdon's speech had proved the hit. Standard Steel. Our connection with the sensation of the session. After he the scheme will be impossible to dis-concluded, amid resounding applause, cover-after we have made the public in which senators joined, as well as believe Langdon is a crook."

"But how about our supposed cambi-

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deny it, but we will not millen it. W

not to talk about it."

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will tell interviewers that we prefer

"It's our only clamee," replied Ste-

"Yes, and we owe it all to Jake

Stelnert," went on Yenbody. "That

"A lie, a lie!" screemed Laws n.

"The boss of the senate" race and

walked to the rear of the seams chain-

"Report of the committee on mixed

affairs," droued the cierk mechanical

ly. "House bill No. 1100 is amended

every senator present he wall imen

Senator Langdon rose in his seat.

"Chair recognizes the gentleman

from Mississippl," said the presiding

officer us he leaned back to speak to

Senator Winaras of Kannas, who had

approached to the slie of the restrom.

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gressional Record. Atthough a arte-

penings of the day, the Missis Toplan

enthusiasm for his cause gave his

strength and ethanistion on he pro-

gressed. His voice ross parjectionly

as he came to the particular points is

could hear his every word.

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At the clove of his formal speech h

of the naval affairs commistes he tay

he had predicted, the senate did "a

up." The senate did agree that a new

During this latter part of the speech

many curious giances were directed at

same fier of seats, in the middle of the

chamber, only an able separation them. Through this choice of neut-

they could confer without leaving their

places. Various sematerial associates

of these two men in other deals found

was not old Langdon at this moment

narrating the amuzing transmitten on

statue on the pedesial step, down

Would the sphing of the desert spent

the story of the list centuries? Would

the affairs of state? What might not

new that Peabody and Stevens had

taken to their busema what they

termed the purple pup of political

Neither did the full portent of the

"Blocking the traffic, eh?" queried

"Hello! What's this?" excisimed Cut-

occupants of the galleries, Senator

Porton of Montana rose and caught

"I ask unanimous consent to offer a

Hearing no objection he continued in

a manner that instantly attracted ou-

"It is my unpleasant duty"-Penbody

and Stevens exchanged glances-"to

place a matter before this body that to

me, as a member of this honorable

"There has arisen ground to suspect

a member of this body of having en-

deavored to make money at the gov-

ernment's expense out of land which

he is alleged to have desired his own

committee to choose as the naval base.

the presiding officer's eye.

resolution."

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ly to be regretted.

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but control of Althonoin land to for

The Langdon speech on "The New

"Mr. President," he called.

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this new development. "Some one has bearned sometimer about Peaking or playen," he ministed. He forced that I is not complicate a set of to some way affect the face of the maynt base-that the smith, and Michigan milds fore it. He rose shortly in his year, while the senate humanest with the murmur of suppressed but et.

and for more definite information," he beam when recognized and after the president of the sensee had hounded with the gavel to restore please Jake, Juke has convinced Telfer | quiet, "so that this house can consider that Langdon was responsible for the | this languagest matter more intelligentdefeat of Gulf City, and the mayor is 12.

Reputer Herten rose. He said: "I will take the there's of adding that the weater ac u od is pure other ber to issue orders to two of his coltime the junior sensior from Albais-

> Laundon's eyen blazed. He strode swiftly Into the state.

"Mr. President," he cried passionniely, "I know this is not the time or place for a discussion like this, but ask that semitarial coursely permit me-to man"—then he concluded accounty before he could be stopped-"what Is the evidence in support of this preposterous charge?"

"This is all our of order," said the prodding officer after a pause, "but in view of the circumstances I will entertain a motion to suspend the

This motion passing, Horion replied to Imagdon. "Your name is signed to a contract

with J. D. Teifer, mayer of Gulf Chy, Miss., culling for 3,000 shares in the Gulf City Land company, and -"A De. a Del" screamed Langdon. "That official," went on Horton cool-

ly, "Is now in Washington. He has the contract and will awent to conversations with you and your secretary. His testimony will be corroborated by no less a personage time Con-To man Norton of your own district. who mays you asked him to conduct

part of the namutations."
"And I might add," cried Herton, "that it is known to more than one you had drawn up a minority report in havor of Galf City because of your anger at the defect of your plan to take the naval base away from Alta-

Laugdon earth fater his chair, bewildered, even stunned. There was a conspiracy against libs, but how could he prove it? The ground aremed crumbling from buder him-not even a straw to grasp. Then the old fighting blood that carried him along in Benuregard's van rugged at the valves of his heart, revived his sold, ran through his volue. He imped to his feet.

A sound as of a symile-u hody fulling heavily-drew all eyes from Lang den to the rar of the main able. An mistort sergmid at arms was lying are downward on the carpet. Anothr was validy trying to hold back Bad lakana, who, tearing himself free ushed down to his chief waving a host of paper in the senstar's eyes.

"Rend that," gasped the secretary reathlessly, and he harried away up alte passageway and out to reach

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dense colleky pains which would ome on at times and from which I ould find no relief," says t. S. Maion of Beaver Dam, Ex. "Chumerlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoes temedy was recommended to me by friend. After taking a few dones the remedy I was entirely relieved. That was four years ago and here has been no return of the symptoms aline that thee." While emedy is for sale by Durmaugh & Mayfield,

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rading for the appointment of an in Languen spread the paper before restletting committee to look into torse bits with difficulty with his trembling hands. Slowly his whirling brain gave Laugden was intensely excited over him the ability to read. Slowly what appeared to him as a jumbled nothing resolved into orderly lines and words,



"The letter is algoed Chartes Norton." He read and again stood before the remaie, which had regalised its usual composure after the fallen sergeant at nems had regained his feet and rubbed his bruises.

"I do not think there will be any investigation," he said, with decided effort, struggling to down the emotion but choked him. "I ask this house to inten to the following letter:

"Dear Senator Langdon-When you receive this latter I shall be well on my way to take a steamer for Cuba. I write to sak you not to think too harshly of me, for I will always cherish thoughts of the friendship you have

"Peabody and Stevens have finally proved too much for me. When they got old Talfor to swonr to a forged anted me to force YOUR anno in the land records at Gulf City, threw up my hands. Their game will ilways go on, I suppose, but you gave from a shack when you broke up their ditaccela graft schome. And I'm glad you did. They cant me aside teday. arabably thinking they could get me again if they needed me.

"I am going on the sugar plantation of a friend, where I can make a new

start and forget that I ever went to Washington."

Langdon paused deliberately. The senate was husbed. The galleries were stilled. Not even the rustle of a sheet of paper was heard in the reporters' gallery. The Mississippian gazed around the senate chamber. He saw Stevens and Peaberly craning their necks across the nisle and talking excitedly to each other.

Then he stepped forward and spoke, waving the paper in the air.

"This letter is signed Charles Norton."

The old southerner gazed triumphantly at the men who had sought to destroy him. It was with difficulty that the presiding officer could hammer down the burst of handelapping that arose from the gallerles.

Senator Horion, however, was not satisfied with Laugdon's sudden ascendency.

"How do we know that that letter is not a forgery, a trick," he exclaimed. "Go get Congressman Nerion-If you

can-and get his denial," responded The junior senator from Mississippi hurriedly pushed his way out of the senate chamber. His day's work was

Down on a broad plantation along the Pearl river an old planter, who has borne his years well, as life goes nowadays, passes his days contentedly. He delights in the rompings of his grandchildren as they rouse the echocs of the mansion and prides himself on the achievements of their tather, Randolph, who has improved the planta-

tion to a point never reached before. Sometimes he receives a letter from his daughter, Hope Georgia, now Mrs. Haines, telling him of her happy life, or perhaps it is a letter from Carolina, describing the good times the is having In London with the friends she is vinc-

And the old planter goes out on the broad veranda in the warm southern twillight, and he thinks of the days that were. He remembers how the Third Mississippi won the day at Crawfordsville. He thinks of the days when he fought the good fight in Washington. His thoughts turn to the memory of her who went before these many years and whom he is soon to see again, and peace descends on the soul of the gentleman from Mississippl as the world drops to slumber around him.

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